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GUARDS BUNGLE BECKER'S EXECUTION;  
"I AM INNOCENT," HE DECLARES, DYINGBECKER'S COUNSEL DEMAND  
THAT WHITMAN NAME MEN  
HE ASSERTS SHARED GRAFTAngered by Statement That  
Martin T. Manton Revealed  
Identities to Him.

TELEGRAPHS GOVERNOR

Cockran Will Not Engage in  
Controversy "With Man  
Who Traduces the Dead."Both Martin T. Manton and W.  
Bourke Cockran, of counsel for Becker  
to-day demanded that Gov. Whitman  
furnish the names of five men with  
whom Becker is said to have divided  
his graft collection in the Tender-  
loin.As soon as he read in The World  
to-day that Gov. Whitman had au-  
thorized the statement that Mr. Man-  
ton had furnished him these names  
Mr. Manton sent this wire to the  
Chief Executive:"To the Hon. Charles S. Whitman,  
Executive Mansion, Albany:"The World in a despatch from  
Albany reports you as saying 'To  
Becker's denial that he had agreed  
to make revelations of grafting  
the Governor said Martin T. Man-  
ton had given him a statement  
containing the names of five men,  
two dead and three living, who  
were implicated in the grafting.'""Did you make this statement  
or authorize it? Answer prepaid."

"MARTIN T. MANTON."

"I shall have nothing to say now."  
Mr. Manton said in making the text  
of the message public. "I shall await  
the Governor's answer to my tele-  
gram."Mr. Cockran, when asked about Gov.  
Whitman's statement, at first ex-  
claimed:"I will not engage in any contro-  
versy with a man who traduces the  
dead.""If Gov. Whitman has the names of  
five men why does he not make them  
known?""You had better see Mr. Manton  
about this. He had the conversation  
with the Governor. But I can state,  
as a matter of fact, that the Gov-  
ernor asked Mr. Manton if Becker  
would implicate a man who to-day  
holds public office. Mr. Manton  
said he did not know whether Becker  
knew anything about this man. Mr. Man-  
ton said he only came to Whitman  
with this offer from Becker: that he  
would go on the witness stand and  
tell the whole truth. Mr. Manton  
said he was not in a position to an-  
swer any such question.""Is it not a terrible thing," Mr.  
Cockran continued, "that Becker was  
sent to his death without the chance  
to have the judgment of the final  
court reviewed by an impartial au-  
thority, as the law contemplates? The  
Executive to whom the law gives the  
ultimate decision was the very officer  
who prosecuted him.""What a pity that the Governor did  
not submit the record to the review  
of some such mind as that of Mr.  
Root or Judge Cullen!"Russia to Buy American Cotton.  
Samuel I. Glenbank, bearing creden-  
tials from many Russian railroads,  
banks and manufacturers as well as  
from the Russian Government, arrived  
here to-day on the Russian-American  
steamship Kurak. He is going South  
in order to make arrangements for a  
permanent market in Russia for Amer-  
ican cotton.DEFIANT GAMBLING  
PLACE IS FINALLY  
RAIDED BY POLICECostigan's Squad Breaks in  
Doors of House Exposed by  
Evening World.Lieut. Daniel Costigan, at the head  
of a squad of policemen, attacked the  
Flower and Feather Social Benefit  
Club rooms at No. 174 Sixth Avenue  
at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon. This is  
the establishment in which an Even-  
ing World reporter found open gam-  
bling on the horse races and with dice  
going on Wednesday afternoon, as  
published yesterday.Jacob Luban, formerly a witness  
against Becker, posed as President of  
the so-called club, and "Dollar John"  
Langer, or Langerman, was under-  
stood to be its financial backer.Costigan's men used ladders, axes  
and crowbars in entering the rooms.  
They had no warrants. Costigan said  
that the raid was conducted on gen-  
eral information and the certainty  
that evidence justifying it would be  
found when the police broke in.Costigan himself singled out Luban  
among the fifty men who were unable  
to escape when the "icebox" doors  
crashed down and the ladder men be-  
gan climbing in the front windows."You have been going around say-  
ing you had police protection,"  
shouted Costigan, dragging Luban  
into the center of the room.

"No, no, I haven't," yelled Luban.

"No, that ain't so. I never said no  
such thing. It's a lie.""Well," growled Costigan, "I'm Dan  
Costigan, and you have no protection  
against me. You are under arrest.  
Come along."A careful questioning of every man  
in the place, designed to get wit-  
nesses under the Dowling act, was  
then begun.

## AQUEDUCT ENTRIES.

RACE TRACK, AQUEDUCT, N. Y.,  
July 30.—The entries for to-morrow's  
races are as follows:FIRST RACE.—For two-year-olds and up-  
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Witnesses of Execution Entering the Death HouseWITNESSES GOING TO THE DEATH HOUSE  
© AM. PRESS A."I AM INNOCENT," SAYS BECKER  
IN WRITTEN DYING STATEMENTCharles Becker wrote the following, which he styled "My Dying Statement." It was read to the newspaper men at 4:30 A. M.  
by Deputy Warden Johnson, who said that Becker would not repeat it from the chair."Gentlemen: I stand before you in my whole senses, knowing that no power on earth can save me from the grave that is to receive  
me. On the face of that, in the teeth of those who condemn me and in the presence of my God and your God, I proclaim my absolute  
innocence of the foul crime for which I must die. You are now about to witness my destruction by the State, which is organized to protect the  
lives of the innocent. May Almighty God pardon every one who has contributed in any degree to my untimely death."And now on the brink of my grave, I declare to the world that I am proud to have been the husband of the purest, noblest woman  
that ever lived—Helen Becker. This acknowledgment is the only legacy I can leave her. I bid you all goodbye. Father, I am ready  
to go. Amen!"Besides his written statement, Becker made another just before he went to the chair. It was a verbal message to Father Curry, with  
the request that the priest convey it to the world. With the prospect of only a few minutes of life remaining Becker said: "I am not guilty  
by deed or conspiracy or any other way of the death of Herman Rosenthal. I am sacrificed for my friends."DUNESITE IS SOLD  
AT AUCTION AFTER  
WINNING FIRSTButwell's Generalship Respon-  
sible for Victory in Last Race  
in R. F. Carman's Colors.AQUEDUCT RACE TRACK, July  
30.—The last day but one before the  
getaway and a month of racing at  
Saratoga, brought out a big crowd to  
the track this afternoon. It was  
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rode Gordon on Recluse and this got  
Dunesite first money by a head. Sal  
Vanity was third, five lengths back.When put up for auction Dunesite  
was sold to J. M. Carreana of Chili,  
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IN THE FIGHTING  
AT PORT-AU-PRINCETwo Marines of Landing Force  
Fall and Battleship With More  
Men Is Rushed to Scene.WASHINGTON, July 30.—Two  
Americans of the landing force from  
the cruiser Washington were killed at  
Port-au-Prince, according to a  
message from Admiral Caperton re-  
ceived to-day.Admiral Caperton's message giving  
the news said there were threats of  
an attack on the town to-night, and  
for this reason he would land rein-  
forcements at 5 P. M. to-day.The battleship Connecticut with 450  
marines was ordered to leave im-  
mediately on receipt of this news.PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—The  
Philadelphia navy yard to-morrow for  
Hayti. Stores are being put on the  
vessel and to-night the marines will  
go aboard.TWO PRIESTS DECLARE  
BECKER WENT TO CHAIR  
WITHOUT CONFESSING.OSSINING, N. Y., July 30.—  
Becker died an innocent man, in  
the opinion of his spiritual ad-  
visers, Fathers Curry and Cashin.  
"From your experience with  
condemned men," Father Cashin  
was asked, "isn't it your belief  
that a guilty man always con-  
fesses in the last few hours?"  
"Invariably," the priest re-  
sponded. "Usually the confession  
comes before the sacrament has  
been given. Becker maintained  
his innocence to the end."  
"Father Curry said to him,  
after we had administered the  
sacrament: 'Are you guilty,  
by word or deed or in any man-  
ner whatsoever of this crime?'"  
"Becker answered: 'Father, as  
I stand on the brink of the grave,  
I am not.'"

## HAMILTON RESULTS.

FIRST RACE.—For two-year-olds and up-  
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ADDING TO DEATH'S HORROR;  
VICTIM ALMOST COLLAPSEDThree Shocks Required to Kill the  
Policeman in Sing Sing—Priests  
Declare He Protested Inno-  
cence to the Last.PHOTOGRAPH OF HIS WIFE  
ON BREAST AS HE DIESBy Martin Green.  
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)  
OSSINING, N. Y., July 30.—Charles Becker was killed  
by electricity in the death house of Sing Sing Prison at 9:45  
o'clock this morning.

His execution was a bungled job.

Possibly because Becker was such an important victim

the guards became excited in fastening him in the chair.

A strap which should have bound his body rigidly against

the back of the chair was left unfastened.

At the first shock of the electric current his body slumped

down and the electrode resting on the back of his shaven

head slipped forward over his forehead and temples which

were terribly burned.

For the two succeeding shocks, which were necessary

to end the last trace of life, the straps and the electrode

were readjusted.

The mishap did not interfere with the speed of Becker's

death.

Becker walked to the chair a badly frightened man. From

the time he entered the death chamber until the electric

current cut off his voice in the middle of a supplication to

his Maker, he repeated without pause the responses to

prayers uttered by Father Cashin, the prison physician and

Father Curry, his close personal friends.

Ten minutes were required legally to kill Becker.

Becker, in the quiet of the death house, last night

wrote out a statement which he purposed to read while

standing in front of the electric chair. Dr. Farr, the prison

physician, Deputy Warden Johnson and the priests would

not hear of his attempting to utter a final message. They

feared emotion might cause a breakdown in his hitherto

stolid spirit.

Father Cashin with almost hypnotic suggestion kept repeating,

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph," leaning with eyes fastened on his face. Father

Curry, an old man, sympathetic and full of affection for Becker, stood

back, and when he saw a sign of wavering in the responses of the man

in the chair, joined in the prayers.

Becker went to his death with a photograph of his wife pinned to

his shirt over his heart. This photograph was the last of his earthly

possessions, the sole remaining object in his cell outside of his cot, after

he had given away his books to others in the death house, his fountain

pen to Deputy Warden Johnson and some trinkets to the death-house

keepers. He carried a crucifix as he walked to the chair.

The prison officials, all of whom had grown to like Becker and many

of whom believed in his innocence, were anxious to be through with their

gruesome task as soon as possible. The execution had been set for 9:45

o'clock and fifteen minutes in advance of the hour the witnesses were as-  
sembled and lined up for the march to the death chamber.

It was a beautiful morning. Fleece clouds floated across the sky and

birds chattered in the trees on the hill overlooking the prison yard. Masses

of geraniums dotted the green lawn that runs up to the brick wall which

hides the death house and the execution chamber from the view of the

outside world.

The prison dog, a friendly little fellow, scampered about the feet of

the witnesses, pawing at their shoes and looking disappointment when

they failed to stop and pat his head. They failed to notice his advances,

for the prospect of seeing a big strong man wiped out of the world in the

twinkling of an eye centred their minds on the brick wall and what lay

beyond.

A new execution chamber has been built at Sing Sing. It adjoins the

old room where so many murderers have paid the penalty of their crimes.

This old room has been made an annex of the death house, and Becker's

cell was in there.

"Walk softly and do not talk as you pass down the line toward the

execution chamber," warned Warden Johnson.

"Your way lies past the window of Becker's cell."

It was a solemn vianged lot of men that walked down the stairs from